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Scout Aids In Community Project



15-year old Michael St. Germain, left, of Boy Scout Troop 82 is surveying a newly-developed section of town to determine if all homes have visible house numbers affixed to them. The undertaking, part of Mike's Eagle Scout Service Project, will aid the Police and Fire Departments in their emergency calls. Here, "Junie" Fontana of the Fire Department congratulates Mike on such a worthwhile project. Photo by Jack Devine.

Hebert Raise Put Off Again

By Joanne Brown

Last Tuesday evening, the School Committee again deferred action on a proposed \$104,770 administrative budget for the second consecutive week. This portion of the overall budget includes funding for a 5% salary increase for the School Department's top three administrators: Louis Hebert, James Bruno, and James Coon.

Following a 1½ hour executive session in which Supt. Hebert's performance in office was evaluated in anticipation of salary negotiations, a 4-3 vote of the committee put off this portion of the budget until next week. A similar postponement followed a marathon 2-hour executive session last week.

Board members Balboni, Ennis, Fuller and Sandlin voted to defer action, while members Borgatti, Doering, and Snyder voiced the desire to grant tentative approval to the proposed amount.

Those in favor of this section indicated that only tentative approval would be granted as has been done with the majority of other sections. Borgatti noted that any changes could still be made up to a vote for final approval.

Business Manager James Coon pointed out that including the funds for the salary increases simply provides for raises should they be given. No salary increase has as yet been granted.

Also included in this portion of the budget are secretarial salaries, which include provision for a 5% increase; half the salary amount paid to the schools' messenger/van driver (the other half comes from the cafeteria account); funds for contract services such as the computer or copying machine; and monies for supplies.

The portion for around-town travel allowances proposes \$1100 for each of the three administrators, an amount which Coon indicated was less expensive than paying them on a mileage basis or providing them with vehicles.

Extra-Curricular Activities Budget

The School Committee also voted to defer action on a proposed \$16,913 portion of the budget for "other school activities." The deferral was due to some con-

fusion on exactly what part of the funding would cover specific areas of the band program.

The overall band budget reflects considerable cut-backs from previous years, principally in transportation for which no money has been earmarked. The committee has already informed band members that any of their travelling expenses would have to be picked up by booster groups or individuals.

No money was included for new instruments and only \$500 for repair of present equipment. New uniforms and cleaning account was also cut to \$1,500.

Funds included for the Agawam High newspaper amount to \$3,540 to cover printing expenses and the advisor's \$400 salary. These funds are augmented throughout the year by approximately \$1200 from advertising revenue and \$600 from the sale of the newspaper itself.

Student activities such as Model Congress and Presidential Classroom received no funding at all other than salary differentials paid to advisors. Funds for advisors to National Honor Society, Math League, yearbook, and the "Schools Match Wits" team all were included along with \$1500 for three cheerleading coaches and related expenses.

Other Budget Areas Discussed

Tentative approval was extended to a Psychological Services budget for \$55,222. This amount covers two fulltime psychologists, contracts with area mental health clinics and specialists, and travel allowances of \$700 to each psychologist.

A relatively small account of \$1,375 for acquisition of new equipment reflects the planned transfer of items currently in operation at Danahy School after the school closes in June. Supt. Hebert did point out to the committee, though, that he had had to deny many requests to keep this section of the budget so low.

The \$14,521 amount designated to replace equipment was mainly based on the need to acquire a new school van. Coon reported that informal cost estimates came in around \$7200. The board voted to allow him to seek bids formally.

Security Fee Downed By Town Council

By Stephen Gazillo

Town Council has rejected Town Manager Richard Bowen's plan to charge a \$100 user fee for private security alarms connected to the Police Department's monitoring system.

Also defeated was a proposed \$25 for each false alarm exceeding three caused by businesses and homeowners with security alarms tied into the Police Department.

A 45-minute debate at the council's Monday meeting failed to muster sufficient support for Bowen's proposal, which was narrowly defeated because of a deadlocked 7-7 vote. Councilor Francis Collis was absent.

The proposal would have affected some 100 businesses and an unspecified number of private homes which currently have security alarms connected directly to the Police Department.

It would have charged users of the Police monitoring system a \$100 per year plus a \$25 fee for every false alarm after three are answered.

The service is now provided free of charge.

Bowen said his plan would have brought in revenues of \$10,000 to the town, and, he said, "of all the services I have seen, I don't know of any more tailor-made for user fees." The proposal had the full support of Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski and Council President Paul Fieldstad.

Councilor Elaine Bonavita attempted to amend the proposal to include only the \$25 fee for false alarms, but that motion was defeated on an 8-6 roll call vote.

"Hey, That's Mine!"



Jessica Couture, granddaughter of Mrs. Judith Couture of 143 River Road, Agawam, has just had her cookie stolen from Charlie the Dog, who is a well known pilferer of goodies in the River Road area. Jessica, we are told, was not alarmed by the theft...she promised to return the favor with one of Charlie's milkbone dog biscuits. Photo by Cathy Devine

Nurses To Return To School Dept.??

By Joanne Brown

Town Councilor Andrew Gallano has approached the School Committee for a consensus of opinion on a charter revision which would return the school nurses to the jurisdiction of the School Department once again. The nurses were placed under the town's administration in 1971.

Gallano told the committee that the school nurses had asked to be transferred to the School Department. He declared himself willing to follow through on the procedure, but only if the School Department approves of the move.

"What I want from you at this point is a consensus of opinion so I don't go to all that trouble only to find out you don't want this move," Gallano explained to board members.

He went on to detail the rather involved procedure which includes petitioning the Town Council, holding a public hearing, seeking a ruling from the Attorney General, and then putting the item on a referendum ballot.

The School Committee has taken the matter under advisement.

Legal Lines

By Attorney Rene Thomas

My car was damaged recently when struck by another vehicle. I do not have collision insurance. What is the best way to recover from the driver of the other car involved?

If the insurance company that insured the vehicle that struck you does not come forward and offer to settle, it will be necessary to bring suit against the party who caused the damage.

It is now possible to use Small Claims Court when bringing an action against a party for damages caused by a motor vehicle. There is no dollar amount limit placed on the potential recovery as there is in other types of actions brought in Small Claims Court. Also, you do not need an attorney to represent you in Small Claims Court as this court operates informally.

Council Adopts Fee Schedule

By Stephen Gazillo

Town Council has approved adoption of the recommended fee schedule for permits and licenses at its regular meeting Monday night in the Community Room at the Public Library.

Under the schedule, there will be a charge for amusement licenses, \$20 per year, per machine, per location with a 20 machine limit. Each site containing more than 20 machines will pay a \$10 fee.

Moreover, there will be a weekly amusement license fee of \$25 per year. Class I Dealer's Licenses will be set at \$50 per year as will be Class II and III Licenses. Taxi Licenses will cost \$10 per year as well as a Junk License (general collection of junk) at \$10 a year.

In other action, the council granted a Class II Dealer's License to Thomas Cosenzi to operate Thomas Motor Sales at 382 Main Street. Cosenzi will be allowed to have six vehicles on his lot, and is required to build a visual barrier on the side his lot faces Northfield Condominiums.

The council also approved a Class III Dealer's License to LEC Equipment Co. Inc., subject to revision by the Board of Appeals.

The firm, owned and operated by Joseph Mendes of River Road, has been under order to remove all trash and rubbish from their premises by the town's Conservation Commission. This did not impede granting of the license.

Agawam Man Promoted At Mass. Mutual

Kevin M. Reopel of Agawam has been named an assistant actuary in the Actuarial Division at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company.

A native of Westfield, Reopel attended Union College where he majored in computer science. He is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and the Hartford and Boston Actuaries' Club. Reopel, who joined Mass. Mutual in 1972, was recently named a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries.

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Last year, 980 alarms were answered by the Police Department, of which 976 were false, according to Chmielewski.

Several businesses had written to the council saying they would go along with the fee for false alarm, but were against the \$100 user charge. Two businessmen spoke against the proposal before the start of the council meeting.

One, Joseph Napolitan of Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills, said he didn't think it was equitable to charge people who are trying to deter crime and that the town losses nothing because of the alarms.

Bowen argued that only a limited number businesses and homeowners can be serviced directly by the Police monitoring systems. He noted that many people pay for private monitors and alarms through companies such as Sonitrol and ADT, and that the town is competing with them "is absurd."

Fieldstad pointed out that the town itself has buildings on a private alarm system at a cost to the town.

Councilor Robert DeForge commented that the alarm systems provides incentive to protect private property. He maintained that the current system saves money, lives, equipment, and property.

"No fee penalty should be adopted due to the fact that the current system saves the townspeople money," DeForge argued in dissent.

Councilor Alfred Serra said, "As a small businessman myself, I know what these systems cost to install, and I know that the \$100 user fee will put it beyond the reach of what the small businessman can afford." He said he could go along with the charge for a false alarm, but not the hook-up fee.

Councilors who voted against the proposal were: Serra, Bonavita, DeForge, Walter Kerr, Frederick Nardi, Donald Rheault, and Stephen Cincotta.

Voting in favor were: Fieldstad, Richard Theroux, Alfred Trehey, William Herd, Paul Paleologopolis, John Bartnik, and Andrew Gallano.

YWCA To Sponsor Dr. Brothers

Edith Perry of Agawam is a member of the planning committee to bring Dr. Joyce Brothers to Greater Springfield as a guest lecturer for the YWCA Celebrity Series on Thursday, March 26th at 10:30 a.m. at Old First Church at Court Square, Springfield.

Dr. Brothers is a nationally known psychologist, writer and television personality. Her topic as a

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Fordham Ave. Residents Protest Excessive Speeders

By Steve Gazillo

Fordham Avenue residents came before Town Council Monday night hoping to get some answers to the alleged problems of highway speeders on their street, but went away with a promise that something would be done.

The residents, represented by Joseph G. Dupelle, pointed out that their street is used as a short cut for drivers trying to avoid the lights at the corner of Springfield and North Westfield Streets.

Dupelle brought a petition signed by all twenty-five residents of Fordham Avenue requesting that speed bumps be installed to slow the speeders.

He said that the Police Department had investigated their complaints and agreed that the street was a hazard because of speeders.

"Over 15 cars went by while I was talking with the safety office," Dupelle said. "Many of them come down Northwood Street so fast they don't stop at the signs," he continued.

Residents are concerned for the 36 children on the street, many of whom daily cross Fordham Avenue on their way to Granger Elementary School, Dupelle said.

Dupelle added that he had been unable to get a meeting with the Town Manager, therefore prompting him to speak before the council during Citizen's Speak Time.

Councilor Richard Theroux later suspended the rules during the meeting to place the Fordham Avenue traffic problem before his colleagues.

Town Manager Richard Bowen concurred with the findings of Dupelle, but said that the principal issue is whether or not speed bumps can be legally installed to solve the problem.

"We're aware of the problem," Bowen said. "We want to act on this problem now, and I assure you this is not a money problem, but a question of legality," he added.

Councilor William Herd asked Bowen to report on the matter at the next council meeting.

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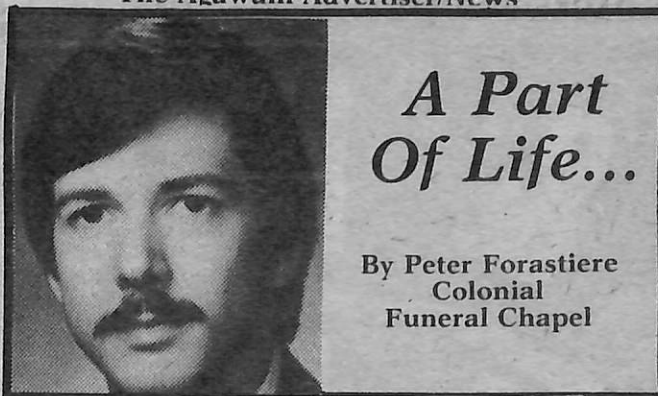
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A Part Of Life...

By Peter Forastiere
Colonial
Funeral Chapel

For many children in America, the death and funeral of a person is something they have heard about or seen on television or in the movies. The majority of children today have not experienced the death of someone they love.

Learning to accept death is a natural experience in life which must not be ignored. Most importantly, a child should not only be exposed to death, but should be prepared and guided through the period of loss.

Many times, we find parents often isolate children from the pain of growing old. They remove grandparents to a nursing home or hospital. Worse, when death occurs, the child is assigned to a babysitter while everyone else participates in the funeral. Allowing the child to be part of the ceremonies and even the conversation helps relieve his fears.

Children are people. They react to traumatic situations with emotional overtones such as disbelief, bodily distress, anger, guilt, anxiety and panic - just as adults do. Each time a child inquires and is denied sufficient response, he searches his memory to create an answer. So instead of the truth, he now relates to an experience he has seen on television or creates a fantasy. It is wrong to say "Grandpa is on a trip" or "Mother is living in the hospital." Children must be told the truth. They know more than you think. Do not be afraid of causing tears. Expressing grief through tears is not only natural and normal but therapeutic. It is better to say, "I could cry too," rather than "There, there, you mustn't cry."

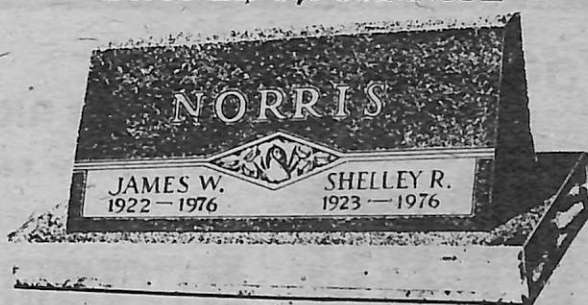
A child should be allowed, if he wishes, to attend the visiting hours and funeral service from approximately the age of seven or earlier depending upon the child's exposure to public gatherings.

If your child is going to the visitation or funeral, explain in advance some of the details. Tell him what to expect if he is to view the body. This will put him at ease so he can better understand why it is being done.

Adults should encourage the child to accept the reality of death. Children have different understandings of death at various ages, and parents should always seek to understand the particular viewpoint of the child.

In the end, of course, what you will determine what you teach your children. You communicate your feelings, your faith and your own fears both consciously and unconsciously. The real challenge then is not just how to explain death to children, but first to understand and accept it yourself.

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For Senior Citizens... New Beginnings

By Rita White

John Barrymore is quoted as having said, "A person is not old until regrets take place of dreams." Do you realize how true that is? While we all need certain tangible things in life to exist, what is life without our dreams? What do we look forward to tomorrow for? Why do we strive to reach certain goals? Our dreams. Obviously our dreams change throughout our lives, but we should never give up those dreams. To give up on our dreams is to admit defeat, failure, to relinquish our spirit. So hang on to those dreams. They are one of your most valuable possessions.

Walter and Hope Benoit are giving instruction for line dancing at the Senior Center every Monday at 1:00. The best part about the line dancing is that while you're having all that fun, it's great expertise. Come on - join!

Happy 82nd birthday to Mark Stokley. Mary came here to Agawam in 1948 from South Hadley. She has 1 son and 3 daughters. Mary loves Bingo and is a regular at the Senior Center. How wonderful for her, she won \$30.00 on her birthday. Nice gift!

Many thanks go out to Marge Borden for the great trip she planned to the Coachlight Dinner Theatre on February 26 for us to see "Babes In Arms." What fun!

The Golden Agers held their regular meeting on February 25th at the Senior Center, again with a record turnout. Shirley Percetto led the fun-loving group in a sing-a-long. Twenty birthdays were celebrated to a round of applause.

Congratulations to Oleda Cremona on her bowling score of 135.

151 Golden Agers went to the Unico Breakfast and it was delicious!

The nominating committee is looking for names for officer elections coming up next month. Tickets are going on sale for the installation.

Emaline Comeau, our travel lady has a lot of great trips planned for the future. They are posted on the bulletin board.

The next regular meeting is March 11 and will feature a bake sale. Rose Mazzetti and Peg Belano are hostesses. Bring in your goodies. There will also be a used book sale.

Watch for a special fashion show during the lunch hour, Monday, March 9th. Outfits will be from IRENE'S CLOSET and will feature something from yesterday as well as today.

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Agawam Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski will continue to serve the community as the 1981 Special Events Chairman for the Agawam Cancer Society. Because of his efforts last year, Agawam exceeded its goal by over \$2,500. The first event scheduled is at the Rollaway Skating Rink on March 15, (Susan Maiolo, owner of the Rollaway in picture with the Chief) with proceeds to be

to the Cancer Society by the owners, Susan and David Maiolo. Other events planned are a golf tournament, softball tournament, macaroni supper, Don Nardi Roadrace, and a car wash. Chmielewski has been long active in community services. In 1973, the Jaycess honored him with their highest award for Most Distinguished Service.

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Mr. and Mrs. Michael P. Losito of 489 Shoemaker Lane are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lisa Jean to Scott Elliott Rhodes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Rhodes of 779 Suffield Street.

Miss Losito is a 1978 graduate of Agawam High School and is employed by King's Department Store in Holyoke.

Her fiancé, a 1977 graduate of Agawam High, is a draftsman employed by United Engineers in Holyoke.

The couple plan a May wedding.

Cancer Fund Kick-Off

Susan and David Maiolo of the Rollaway will open the kick-off for the community for the American Cancer Society. The event will be held on Sunday, March 15th at the Rollaway between the hours of 7:30 and 10 p.m. and proceeds of the evening will go to the Cancer Society.

The Maiolos have been responsible for raising a tremendous amount of money over the past thirteen years for the benefit of the Cancer Society.

Tickets for the skating event are \$3.00 without skates and \$2.25 with your own skates. Let's all skate for cancer and help cure the nation's number two killer.

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By Penny Stone

Awards come in many different forms. Sixteen of our talented school musicians were rewarded their hard work and dedication by placing in either the All District Jazz Rock Ensemble or the All District Concert Band. Students from area schools in Greenfield, Pittsfield, Chicopee, East Longmeadow, West Springfield and others competed for first chair placement in each musical group.

Agawam students earning seats in the Jazz Rock group were TODD CONNERY, trumpet; JIM KALLIPOLITES - 2nd; ED GRIMALDI, 3rd and MIKE BRIGGS - 4th; TIM HEBERT, and KELLEY BOLDUC; flute-DIANA PORTER and DON DONATINI; clarinet-DONNA WESLEY and CHRIS KNOLL; alto clarinet-PAULINE NOFTALL; drums-MICHAEL CHAUSSE; and tuba-PETER SUTTON. Students accepted for placement in both groups were required to choose a preference.

Following only two full days of rehearsal, these area-wide musical groups will be performing for the public on April 11th, which illustrates the level of ability these children must possess.

RUTH and RICHARD WEAVER of 99 Strawberry Hill Road, Feeding Hills are enjoying their 2½ month old baby girl, JENNIFER NOEL, who was born on December 17th weighing 8 lbs, 8½ oz. and measuring 23 inches long.

Jenny is the first grandchild for MR. and MRS. EWART WEAVER of 39 Baymore Drive, East Longmeadow and MRS. CHRISTINE BRIGHAM of 133 Sumner Avenue in Springfield. Three grandparents welcome the new addition: MRS. JOHN FENTON of 21 Lester Street, Springfield, MRS. JOHN PETERS of East Longmeadow, and MR. STEWART WEAVER of Springfield.

Mom notes that Jennifer is already trying to walk, but she not rushing things. I've heard all about what happens they learn to walk," she adds.

Another new baby in the Robin Ridge neighborhood...MICHAEL THOMAS rounds out the TOM O'CONNOR family of 104 Robin Ridge Road to an even four members. Tom's petite wife, PAT gave birth to the 10 lb, 3 oz. boy using natural childbirth techniques.

Michael's sister, MICHELLE will be two this Saturday and "She thinks it's a big novelty having a little baby around...so far, says Mom. Grandparents are MR. and MRS. FRANCIS O'CONNOR of 17 Thorndike Street, Springfield and MR. and MRS. ARTHUR FOURNIER of 21 Itendale Street, Springfield.

Michael is the 19th greatgrandchild of MRS. AGNUS O'CONNOR, who is nearly 86. MR. and MRS. BERTRAND of Wallingford, Connecticut are proud greatgrandparents as well.



Agawam's Dany Texeira as Eddie, the superintendent, listening to Charlotte West, the busybody neighbor, complain about her leaky faucet in a scene from ART's spring production of 6 RMS RIV VU.

A.R.T. Presents 6 RMS RIV VU

There is no "standing room only," so if you haven't gotten your tickets yet for Agawam Repertory Theatre's current production, you had better hurry. Tickets are going fast.

6 RMS RIV VU (6 Rooms River View) opens tonight at the Lincoln Hall restaurant, 162 Rifle Street, Springfield, and will be there for only six performances on March 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, and 14.

The play is a comedy by Bob Randall which opened on Broadway in 1972 and was later done as a television movie. The story takes place in New York City and centers around two people who have gone to look at an apartment for rent and while there, get locked in. Then the fun starts.

The leading roles for A.R.T. are played by Blair Walker, who comes to the group from the Somers Playhouse, and George Murphy, known to many of you from his radio show on WREB. The supporting cast includes Charlotte West, Dany Texeira, Lynn Alderman, Stewart Lerman, Jeannie Benoit, and, new to the stage, Gary Osborne.

The show is being co-produced by Lorraine Woods and Linda Kapinos. Directing is Diane Giuliana, who co-directed A.R.T.'s show A Flea in her Ear.

6 RMS RIV VU is a fun evening. You'll be sorry if you miss it. The show is cabaret style, but if you are interested in dinner first, Lincoln Hall can provide a superb meal. For dinner reservations, call 732-9818.

Show time is 8:15 p.m., and tickets are \$5. Call 783-4472 for tickets.

Housing Authority Elects Officers

Mrs. Phyllis Mason, executive director and secretary of the Agawam Housing Authority, announced that the following officers were elected at the annual reorganization meeting.

Frank Chriscola, Jr. was re-elected as chairman; James Harkins, vice-chairman; Rosemary Sandlin, treasurer; Nicholas DePalma, assistant treasurer; and Theodore Therrian, clerk. Attorney Alan Ferrigno will serve as legal counsel for the year.

Mrs. Mason wishes to remind all veterans that

Brady Village consists of two and three bedroom subsidized apartments for veterans of low income. Local veterans are given preference in the tenant selection process. Veterans who have been honorably discharged and who served during wartime are given top priority. Following in line for priority are those honorably discharged veterans who served during peacetime and then non-veterans.

You may call the office at 786-1297 or stop in at Meadowbrook Manor for further information.

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And do it the sooner the better. It's just tragic how some people let these discomforts go on. Backache bravely adds to the problem when immediate and effective care is required.

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To
8:00 p.m.

Christian Education Workshops Planned In Agawam

Reverend Janet Smith-Rushton, chairman of the Christian Education Division of the Council of Churches of Greater Springfield, announced that the third annual Christian Education Workshops and Resource Fair will be held Saturday, March 7th, at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street.

Ten different workshops highlighting all ages and interests in Christian Education are planned for the day. In addition to the workshops, there will be numerous displays from religious publishing houses and book stores.

Registration is \$2 per person and \$10 per church group. Call 733-2149 to pre-register. Bring a brown bag lunch. Child care will be provided.

The ten workshops planned will each be offered three times during the day to allow people a chance to choose their own schedule according to interest.

The workshops are Bible Study with Children; Teacher Recruitment; Pre-School Teaching; Separating Parent and Child; Small Church Schools; Inter-Generational Learning Activities; C.C.D. Resources; Christians and Hunger; Story Telling and Reading; Church Libraries as Resource Aids; and Lesson Planning.

Among the curriculum and book displays that will be available during the day will be material on publications of the World Council of Churches, a display on hunger resources by the CROP office of the Church World Service, materials on Bible study by the Massachusetts Bible Society, Hartford Seminary Foundation Bookstore, Open Bookstore of Holyoke, Successful Living Books, a line shown by Mr. and Mrs. Horace Ashline of Feeding Hills.

Monte Carlo Night To Aid McCarroll Scholarship

A Monte Carlo Night is scheduled for Sunday, March 22nd, from 4 to 9 p.m. at Chez Josef to benefit the Ray McCarroll Scholarship Fund. A donation of \$3.00 will include \$1,000 of play money.

Tickets may be obtained from members of the Agawam Rotary, the Agawam Junior Women's Club, at the Agawam Food Mart, Park West Bank in Feeding Hills, Westfield Savings Bank in Agawam, or at the door.

Americana Showcase Scheduled

The fourteenth annual Americana Showcase, an outstanding craft fair, will take place at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, on Saturday, March 28th, from 10 to 4 o'clock.

This annual fair is synonymous with spring and, many people in our valley have welcomed spring at each of the previous fairs.

The artisans and craftspeople represent those previous fair clientele have demanded. Luncheon will be served and home-baked food may be purchased.

Jaycee-ettes Slate Art Auction

Over 150 guests are expected to make their bids for original works of art at Saturday, March 7th, Art Auction benefitting the Agawam Jaycee-ettes.

Sandy Dubai, chairperson of the invitation committee, said response to the event has been enthusiastic. She has extended an invitation to the public to participate in the preview and art auction scheduled for the Agawam Baptist Church, Bodurtha Hall, 760 Main Street. Preview at 7 p.m.; auction at 8 p.m.

Refreshments will be served and a chance to win the door prize donated by Marlin Art, Inc. will be included in the evening. Featured in the collection are works by Amen, Liberman, Kaufman, Delacroix, Dale, Yu, Heffner, and others.

Included are original signed lithographs, paintings, etchings, oils, water colors and enamels. Bidding will begin below \$25 and move upwards to \$2,500. Visa and Master Charge will be accepted.

For additional information, contact General Chairperson of the Event Gerri Milliken at 789-0105.

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Breakfast will follow the 9 a.m. mass, and all women of the parish are invited to attend. Tickets will be on sale following masses this week.

Call 786-3384 for information.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 7

Art Auction
Jaycee-ettes
Bodurtha Hall
7 p.m.

March 5-7 & 12-14

A.R.T. Production
'6 RMS RIV VU'
Lincoln Hall
Rifle St., Spfld.
8:15 P.M.

March 9 - 13

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EDITORIAL

Hebert Salary Burning Issue

It's becoming increasingly apparent that the School Committee intends on passing another pay raise for Superintendent of Schools Louis J. Hebert.

Twice in the past two weeks the School Board has tabled the pay raise, after long hours behind closed doors discussing the matter.

In the past, we have vigorously criticized the School Board for their fiscal irresponsibility concerning use of the taxpayers' funds to further compensate Mr. Hebert.

As we now understand the issue, Mr. Hebert was verbally promised by various members of the present Board that after six months on the job he would receive a \$3,000 merit raise. He did, in June, although there now remains doubt shared by some Members of the Board as to whether this was compensation for moving expenses and a one-time increase called a merit raise.

In July, Mr. Hebert received a 6.5 percent cost-of-living increase...coupled with the June raise, this resulted in a 15.5 percent wage jump in less than a month, moving his salary from \$35,300 to just under \$41,000.

Now, again, we are faced with yet another pay raise for Mr. Hebert. It would seem that Board members Richard Borgatti, Venetta Snyder and Roberta Doering are "tenatively in favor" of the new raise.

School Board Attorney John Teahan recently ruled that Mr. Hebert's contract, now a point of contention with us, mandates a 6-month evaluation every six months for the first 18-months of his stewardship. It also says that his salary will be 1) decreased, 2) remain the same 3) increased, based on that evaluation. In no place in Mr. Teahan's ruling, in our view, does it read that a pay raise is mandatory following a favorable evaluation.

Earlier this year, Town Council soundly defeated a pay raise proposal for 28 municipal department heads and supervisors in an attempt to hold the line in a year of Proposition 2 1/2...the School Board should follow suit.

If the School Board, which already has in its hands a giveaway contract, grants another hike to Mr. Hebert, it will, in fact, cost the taxpayers as much as \$500,000 in further expenditures in teacher's contracts next year.

Anyone involved in public contracts will readily assert that municipal unions adjust their wages to what the top administrators receive as in the case of Mr. Hebert's salary.

If the present School Board cannot read the community barometer on this issue, then, surely, they have lost touch with their constituents and, indeed, will further jeopardize their present relationship with Town Council.

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Guest Editorial Resident Disputes Hebert Pay Raise

By Raymond Saracino
245 High Street

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE AGAWAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A subject which has been much discussed throughout Agawam in the past several months has been the pay raises allocated to our Superintendent of Schools by the School Committee. The subject of this letter to you will deal directly with that subject and others surrounding the previous pay raise, the contemplated pay raise and the contract which seems to have put the Town of Agawam in a very unfavorable position.

Our previous Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ernest Canava, left Agawam with a salary of \$35,477. Our new Superintendent, Louis Hebert, in less than a year has managed to acquire a 15.5% pay increase from the School Committee. In my estimation and in that of many townspeople with whom I have spoken, a \$5,000 increase for a freshman superintendent is exorbitant in the light of today's economic situation in our community.

For your knowledge, in the event that you are not aware of it, the superintendent's salary, which is now \$40,843, is exactly \$843 more than the Governor of Massachusetts receives as compensation for his services from the Commonwealth. I believe that Mr. Hebert is exceedingly well paid in the light of our limited treasury for our community of approximately 28,000 people. At a time when our School Committee should be spending its time working to comply with 2 1/2, you have spent some three and one half hours in executive sessions discussing whether or not the superintendent's pay should now go up to \$42,885.

Let us open the doors and vote on this issue. Of course, the answer is...no pay raise. In the light of our Town Council's rejection of pay raises for our department heads in the last two years, I should not be writing this letter. You should have turned this raise down some time ago.

It is unfortunate that the School Committee negotiated the kind of contract that reviews the performance of our superintendent every six months and states that a pay raise may be given every six months. I would rather have seen the kind of contract that says the superintendent would be reviewed every six months, and if he isn't doing his job, he would be let go. It seems to be the concern of some that if the superintendent does not get a raise every six months, there is a possibility that there may be litigation over his contract. I would say, let the cards fall where they may, and if the superintendent wishes to sue the Town of Agawam, that's his prerogative.

At a time when you are cutting programs and cutting budgets in an austerity move, no raises for administration should be a priority. To those School Committee members who don't fully get the meaning or the message of this open letter, let me say to you that you will hear from me in the very near future again and again on this subject.



FROM THE THIRD

By Rep Edward W.
Connelly

Every couple of months an envelope arrives in your mail that cause her palpitations, shock, disbelief, and considerable confusion. That envelope, innocently tucked among letters and invitations, is the electric bill.

Until a couple of years ago, the electric bill was just one more bill, no worse and no better than others. Today, due primarily to the rising cost of oil, electric bills are the cause of much concern.

The item on the bill creates the most confusion and concern is the Fuel Adjustment Charge. This charge has always been part of the electric bill, but it was not until 1974 that the legislature passed a law requiring the electric companies to separate the basic cost of electricity used from the fuel adjustment cost. The change was made in order for the consumer to see exactly what they were paying for and because there was concern that the electric companies were making a profit which they are not supposed to do.

Electric companies submit estimates of anticipated cost of fuel to the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) every three months. If the actual cost varies by 10 percent, high or low, the company must meet again with the DPU for further rate adjustment.

Cost Of Oil

Your fuel adjustment charge is, if you will, your share of the increased cost of oil for the period in which you are being billed. If the utility company has overestimated the fuel adjustment charge, your portion of that charge will decrease. However, with the cost of oil on a continual rise, the fuel adjustment passed on to each electric consumer has been steadily increasing.

Many people have expressed confusion over the seeming inconsistency in the amount of fuel adjustment charge. It seems that in one bill this charge will be moderate while the next bill includes a high adjustment charge.

This is partly due to the quarterly estimates of the cost of oil by the electric companies. The changing price of oil is a major contributor to the fluctuation in the fuel adjustment charge. In areas where electricity is provided by a mix of oil and nuclear energy, the fuel adjustment charge varies with the operations of the nuclear plant.

If that area is using more nuclear energy, the fuel adjustment costs are generally lower. If, however, the nuclear plants are not operating for a period of time, then more oil is used and the fuel adjustment charges increase substantially.

New England is 60 percent on oil for electricity. In 1973-74, oil cost approximately \$3 per barrel. Today oil costs about \$36 per barrel. In the most recent DPU hearings, electric companies were estimating the cost of oil at \$40 barrel.

More Than Just Oil...

In addition, there are times when an electric company cannot demand because of inoperative generators or other mechanical failures. To fill the void, companies purchase electricity from a "power exchange" at 10 to 20 times what it would cost them to produce it. When this happens, the larger cost is now passed on to the consumer in the fuel adjustment charge.

The third cost included in the fuel adjustment is a "zero power cost." During off-peak hours, generators are cycled down. However, due to a flaw in the design of generators, they cannot be cycled down to zero. Therefore, the same "power exchange" that provides purchased power is paid to take the unused electricity generated during this off-peak time. The cost, too, is passed on to the customer in the fuel adjustment charge.

A Legislative Cure

Legislation designed to respond to problems with the fuel adjustment charge has been drafted and is being discussed on Beacon Hill. In general, the bills detail what charges can and cannot be included in the fuel adjustment charge.

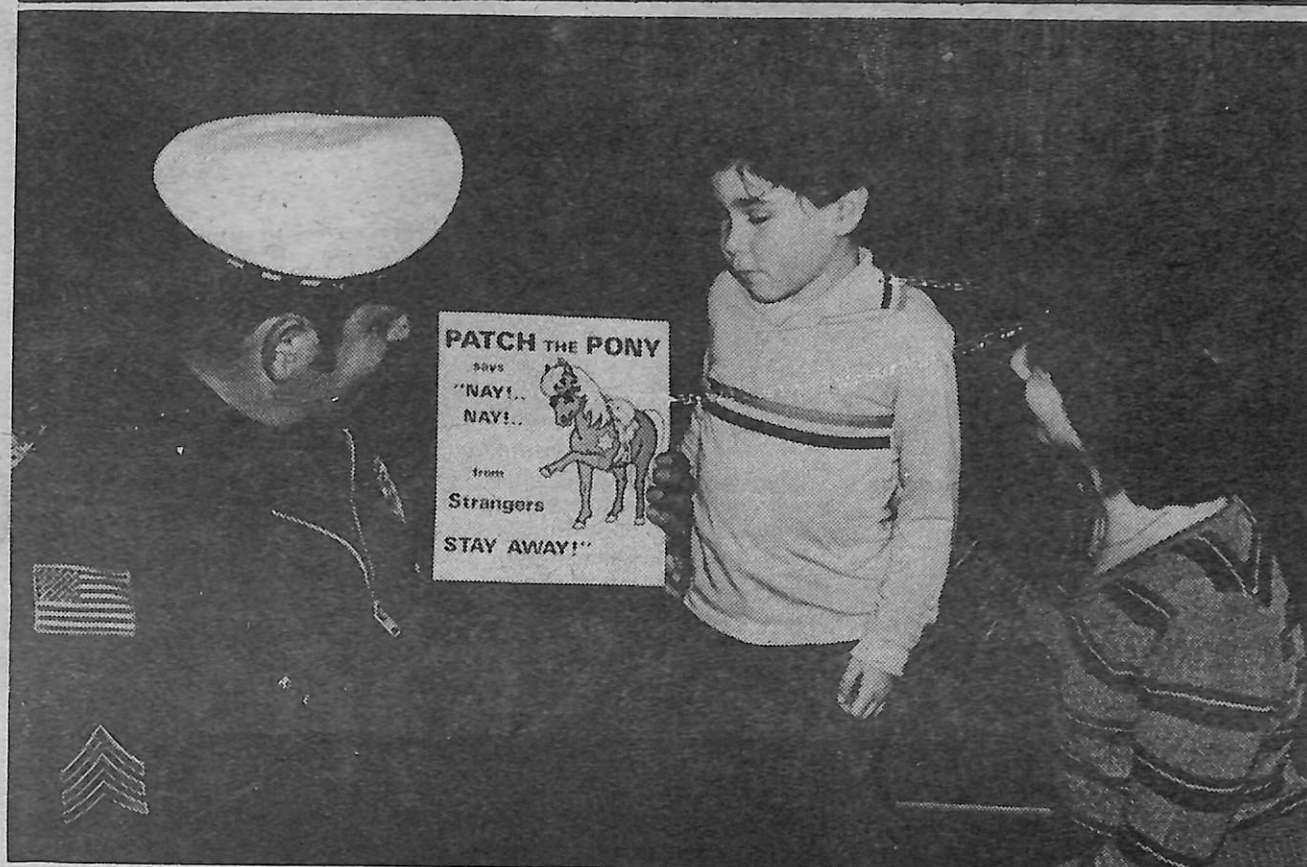
For example, the electric companies would not be able to pass on to consumers any more of the additional cost of "purchased power" than would have been charged had the company produced its own power, and they would be prohibited from charging us for the "zero power cost."

It would require companies to purchase fuel at the lowest cost available. Periodic statements regarding costs would be required to be filled under "pains and penalties of perjury." Further, a new Fuel Adjustment Bureau would be established in the DPU, to enforce efficiency measures on the utilities. The cost of the Bureau would be paid for by the utility companies.

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SCHOOL NEWS



Safety Officer Alfred Longhi shows the Patch The Pony poster to young Lee Copson. Looking on is Lee's mom, Iris, an active member of the Agawam Jaycee-ettes and last year's president Photo by Jack Devine.

Week Named For Patch The Pony

The Agawam Jaycee-ettes and the Agawam Public School System have declared March 9-13 to be "Patch the Pony" Week in Agawam.

Patch combats the problem of children being lured by strangers through educating them never to talk to, accept anything from, or go with any person who is not known to their parents or teachers - that they are strangers regardless of how often they are seen.

The Agawam schools are participating in this pro-

gram in kindergarten through grade three. Sgt. Alfred Longhi, Agawam's safety officer, will go to each of the elementary schools with a Jaycee-ette representative and present a filmstrip sponsored by the group. He will explain to the children that policemen are there to protect children and be their friends.

Each child will receive a bookmark with Patch's safety rule on it as a memento of Patch Week from the Agawam Jaycee-ettes.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Mon., March 9: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, tossed garden salad, chilled fruit cup, milk

Tues., March 10: ½ peanut butter, ½ chicken salad sandwiches, oven potato rounds, diced carrots, spice cake w/vanilla icing, milk

Wed., March 11: Orange juice, baked hamburger & macaroni in tomato sauce, buttered Italian bread, creamy cabbage & carrot salad, jello, milk

Thurs., March 12: Sliced turkey on roll, buttered niblet corn, sliced pears in syrup, milk

Fri., March 13: Potted meat cubes in gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, whole wheat bread & butter wacky cake, milk

Agawam Celebrates Music In Schools

As part of a national observance of Music in our Schools Week March 9-13 sponsored by the Music Educators National Conference, Agawam's fifth grade band invites parents and friends to attend open rehearsals. These performances will take place in each of the six elementary schools under the direction of Mrs. Sally Lowell, Elementary Band Director.

Parents are invited to see a rehearsal in progress and view the processes of today's music education in action. These rehearsals are scheduled as follows:

Clark School, March 9th, 1:15, gym

Granger School, March 10th, 1:45, cafeteria

Robinson School, March 11th, 2:15, cafeteria

Danahy School, March 12th, 2:00, cafeteria

Peirce School, March 13th, 11:00, cafeteria

Phelps School, March 13th, 1:00, auditorium

Grade five chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Lee Files, will also perform with the band at the same time in Robinson Park and Phelps Schools.

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Guidance Bulletin Board

By Paul Cavallo
Chairman,
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The University of Massachusetts has selected David Hanson and John Jury as alternate in the 1981-82 Chancellor's Talent Award for Academic Excellence Competition. This award offers a waiver of tuition for each of four undergraduate years at the University at Amherst.

Both seniors were selected for this award on the basis of their excellent high school achievement and the results of an examination they took in December. David and John will be notified of their awards by May 10, 1981.

The following scholarships are available in the Guidance Office. They may be picked up during the week of March 2nd between the hours of 7:40 and 10:30 a.m. All applications must be submitted to the Guidance Office by March 27th.

A student must have applied to an institution of higher learning in order to be eligible for a scholarship. The student may not have been accepted at the school of higher learning at the school of his/her choice, but must have applied for admission. If a student is rejected from all of his/her choices, the scholarship award will be revoked.

All students should read the information regarding scholarship eligibility very carefully.

Baseball Boost Club: Senior baseball player continuing his education.

Agawam Basketball Parents: Senior basketball player continuing his education.

Agawam Gridiron Moms: Varsity or Junior Varsity Players or Managers who are going on to higher education.

Agawam Hockey Parents: Open to senior hockey players who will continue their education.

Leonard Desrosiers Memorial Hockey: Open to senior hockey players who will continue their education.

Agawam Soccer Moms: Senior soccer players continuing their education.

Agawam Wrestling Booster Club: Senior wrestler continuing their education.

Agawam Athletic Association: Boys and girls who are seniors - must have participated in at least one sport sponsored by the AAA.

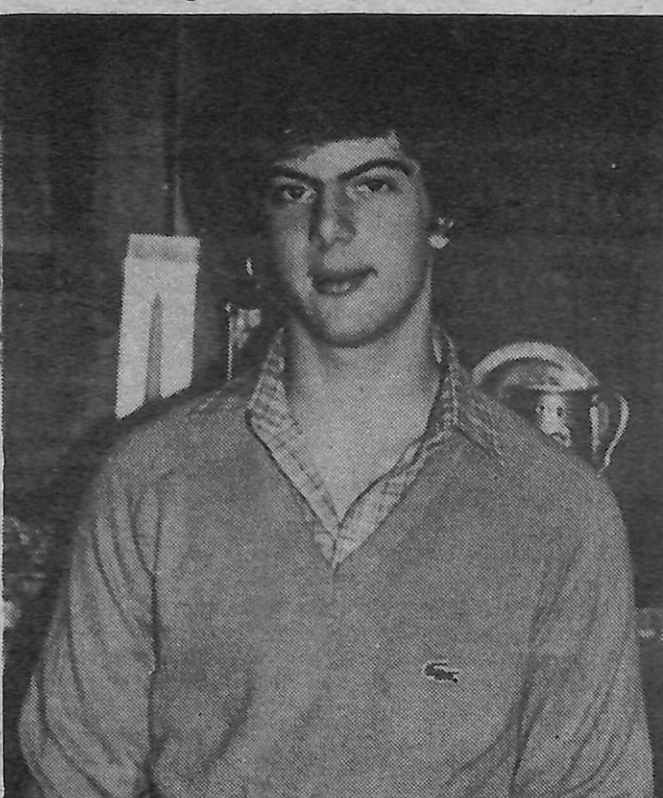
Nicholas Lasky Memorial (AAA): Senior boys who have been accepted at a college and have played one of the following sports this year: Football, Wrestling, Baseball or Basketball.

Phyllis M. Mason (AAA): Senior girls at AHS who have participated in softball, basketball, or swimming.

Agawam Business Association, Inc: Seniors who are furthering their education in the field of business.

Agawam Women's Club: Seniors continuing their education and must be related to a club member. Will be judged on need and academic achievement.

Agawam UNICO: Seniors of Italian descent who will continue their education.



John Jury, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jury of Hosham Place, Feeding Hills, was the Agawam High winner of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizenship Award.

Agawam Teacher To Speak At Reading Conference

Ann Favreau, kindergarten teacher at Agawam's Granger School, has been invited to speak at the Pioneer Valley Reading Council Conference to be held this year on March 10 at Holyoke High School. The theme of this year's conference is "Reading Does Make A Difference."

Mrs. Favreau will conduct a session entitled "Stretching Stories" in which she will present creative ideas to correlate with children's books. In addition, the participants in her workshop will have an opportunity to make the materials to use with their own classes.

Mrs. Favreau has developed these ideas she will address for her own kindergarten classes at Granger and her work with *Early Years* magazine.

The goal of the conference is to focus attention on the importance of reading in every classroom in the Pioneer Valley.

A Peek Into Past Is Popular

"Many kindergarten and first grade students have trouble understanding history," declares Lisa Astifan, a first grade teacher at Phelps School. "They think that the Pilgrims and Abraham Lincoln lived at the same time and that the American Revolution happened ten years ago."

To help these students gain an understanding of the past, Mrs. Astifan and Jane Sakowski, a kindergarten teacher at Clark School, pooled their talents to create a curriculum kit entitled "A Peek into the Past." This kit is part of the Wide Horizons project now in its second year in the Agawam schools.

"A Peek into the Past" gives kindergartners and first graders the opportunity to see how Americans at the turn of the 19th century met their basic needs of food, clothing and shelter. The kit also encourages the students to explore the ways present day Americans meet these needs. Thus, the kit helps students not only understand the differences between life in Early America and life today, but also realize the convenience and ease of their modern lifestyle.

In order to spark their students' interest in history, Mrs. Astifan and Miss Sakowski ask their students to pretend that the "Peek into the Past" kit box (decorated as an old-fashioned chest) is a 19th century "trunk" discovered in an attic at the Storowton Village Museum. The trunk is the home of Miles and Molly Mouse, two Early American mice (actually sock puppets) who help the students pretend that they are Early American children.

As part of the kit activities, the students experiment with chores which Early American children would have performed. For example, the students cook applesauce and churn butter. They beat flax and spin wool (and discover that raw wool is dirty and greasy until it is washed) as the first steps in making clothes. As a culminating activity, the students visit the Gilbert House at Storowton Village and explore the rooms and furnishings of this Early American dwelling.

"A Peek into the Past" is a much-needed addition to the primary social studies curriculum, which focuses on home and family life. Up to now, there has been little material available for kindergarten and first grade students to study Early American life. Mrs. Astifan and Miss Sakowski had to create many of the materials and activities themselves. "A Peek into the Past" will be a valuable tool to Agawam teachers and students in the coming years as they explore the everyday life of Early America.

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Agawam High's varsity cheerleaders recently hosted a state-wide cheerleading contest at the high school gym. This marked the fourth consecutive year the girls have hosted the competition. Although they did not compete, the girls warmed the hearts of the hometowners with a very well done routine. Photo by Jack Devine.

STCC Students Do Free Tax Returns

Students enrolled in Springfield Technical Community College's Business Administration program will again offer free federal tax information and tax return preparation assistance at two Springfield locations.

Most federal and state tax forms will also be available at these two locations, and residents are urged to stop in for aid.

The schedule includes the Eastfield Mall community booth from March 2 to 14th daily from 2:30 to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The students will be at the Forest Park Library, 380 Belmont Avenue, Springfield, each Wednesday

through April 15th from 6 - 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 1-4 p.m.

The project, sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service, is the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Under this program, students specially trained by the IRS instructors volunteer their time helping residents of the Greater Springfield community with the preparation of their tax returns.

The V.I.T.A. program at STCC is under the direction of Professor William Herd and is in its eighth year of operation. Last year, students assisted over 500 taxpayers.

Local 6th Graders Win DAR Contest

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) local chapters have recently sponsored an essay contest among 5th through 8th graders to stimulate interest in the history of our country among school children. This year's theme was "A Military Leader of the Battle of Yorktown."

Mrs. Frederick Windholz, historian for Mercy Warren Chapter DAR, has announced that Angela Goucher and Michael Jemiola from the Agawam Middle School have won the contest for their local chapter. Each will receive an American history certificate from the National Society DAR and a book will be presented to their schools by Mercy Warren Chapter.

Middle School Discovers Adventure Club

The Springfield YMCA in conjunction with the Agawam Middle School gave the sixth graders at Agawam Middle School an opportunity to discover adventure activities on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of last week. YMCA officials televised the adventure program and demonstrated activities to all the sixth graders.

Students were interested in learning how they can relate to the environment and have fun. Demonstrations showing group trust building and actual participation gave the children an opportunity to experience challenge in their own classrooms.

The program offered on Friday afternoons for the Middle School students teaching cooperation, initiative and even, at times, risk.

The classes watched on video tape different types of activities exploring the environment. The natural world is a perfect place to emphasize nature and increase awareness of man's impact on it.

The YMCA offers Adventure Club on Thursday for elementary students and Friday afternoon for the Middle School students from 3 to 5 p.m. Transportation is provided. Call the YMCA, 275 Chestnut Street, at 739-6951, ext. 253 for more information.

Agawam Man Named To Jr. College's Who's Who

The 1981 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges* will carry the names of 24 students from Holyoke Community College who have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding campus leaders.

Among those students chosen was Jerome M. Czuprynski from Agawam.

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SPORTS



The undefeated freshmen girls basketball team ended their season at a perfect 16-0. Back, left to right; Leah Negrucci, Ann Phillips, (managers); Jody Cecchi, Julie Miodowski, SueEllen Goehrlart, Assistant coach Linda Kunasek, coach Leslie Clark. Front, Lee-anne Sandlin, Diane Goodman, Lena Kozloski, Lisa Chevalier, Dana Venturini, Ellen Calkins, Roxanne Pollak. Missing Maria Ollari.

Grapplers Bow-Out In State Meet

By Steve Berard

It was a disappointing end to a tough season for Agawam's varsity grapplers. None of the Brownies' four qualifiers placed in the top six at the state wrestling tournament held last Friday and Saturday in Lowell, Massachusetts.

"We all really had tough matches," claims senior Tom Kirk. In Kirk's opening match, he was paired with the defending state champion. After pinning Kirk in an exciting contest, the Lowell grappler went on to win his second state crown.

In the state tournament, as soon as you lose two matches you are out. Captain Steve Tetreault was the only AHS grappler to advance to a third match.

"Tate" faced the second seed from Lowell in the deciding contest. Tetreault's bid for the crown ended when he was defeated in a close overtime duel. Last year "Tate" finished sixth in the states, but was very disappointed on this seasons outcome.

"We faced a lot of top wrestlers early in competition," he noted. "We were knocked outright away and didn't get a chance to advance Western Mass. 121 pound class crown holder, Troy LaBreque, lost his

first two mat contests.

LaBreque finished on the shortend of a 2-1 overtime decision by a Lowell grappler who finished in second place overall.

Sophomore Frankie Cavallo who created a stir in the Western Mass. race, was also unsuccessful. The 100-pounder's inexperience hurt him as he was matched against some top grapplers."

Frankie will have a good shot the next two years," assures Kirk.

Agawam Coach Phil Tomkiel was impressed with field at Lowell. Tomkiel's 1981-82 squad shapes up to look pretty good." Future seniors Keith Mercadante, John Duggan, Kevin Bradway, and future juniors Frankie Cavallo, Tony Bryant, and Steve Grasseti should provide a solid base for Tomkiel to work with.

Tomkiel is trying to build future prospects, running an intermural wrestling program at the Middle School and Junior High School. These programs enable Tomkiel to introduce kids to wrestling so that when they reach the high school they will have some experience.

Girls Take Tourney Tumble

By Debbie Guidi

The Agawam High girls varsity basketball squad was their playoff hopes squashed with a disappointing 49-34 loss to Chicopee Comp in a Division One quarterfinal match Saturday night.

It seemed to be a bad case of nerves that afflicted the locals. Agawam played below par and away from their usual style of play at the Chicopee Gym.

Agawam fared poorly at the charity line and failed to coordinate themselves for most of the evening, although for the first five minutes or so Agawam was off and running.

The Brownies stormed to an early 8-2 lead before Comp recovered its composure and fought back from the deficit, surpassing Agawam by the end of the quarter, 13-10. Agawam played catch-up the rest of the night.

Comp padded their lead during the second quarter, keeping Agawam to just six points while they piled up 16 for a comfortable 29-16 margin at intermission.

The third quarter was even with Agawam still trailing 38-26. The locals put on a final flurry midway through period four and actually cut the Comp lead down to seven.

It was tough going from there as Comp regained its advantage to knock the Brownies out of the tournament.

Agawam Coach Karen Fitzgerald wasn't pleased with the teams foul shot production in the match, pointing out that the precious shots missed could have turned the tide in their favor.

The Colts on their end, hit just 9 of 19 from the line but comparing that figure with Agawam's 8 of 24 explains why Mrs. Fitzgerald was disquieted.

In spite of all the attention the Colts gave Agawam's fine Debbie Chetham, the senior netted a team leading 14 points. Laura Gendron chipped in six. Comp had better luck shutting down senior Shari Baldarelli, who was held to five points.

Comp's height advantage showed in their evenly balanced attack. Joanne Gregory netted 14, while Sue Shresbury had 12 and Carol Powtak canned 10.

"It's been tough all season when we faced a taller squad," said Mrs. Fitzgerald after reviewing the rebounding statistics in favor of the Colts.

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Dean Liptak

Liptak Chosen '7th'

Congratulations to Dean Liptak for winning the Agawam Hockey Association "7th Player Award. Dean will represent the Agawam Hockey Association in the Bobby Orr 7th Player Awards night in Boston.

The award is given to the amateur player who works hardest and gives the most of himself to this team and teammates. Dean plays for the 12-14A Team that finished in first place in league play.

He scored 22 goals in 19 league games and has 37 goals in 34 overall games for an outstanding year.

Other players selected by their coaches for the award were: Mark Sohay, from the 8-10C team; Joe Rondoletto; from the 10-12A team; Robert Collen, from the 10-12C team; Larry Manning from the 12-14B team, and Frank Rondoletto, from the 14-16A team. Good job guys, keep up the good work.

AAA Highlights

BOYS 8 - 10

In a fast-moving, all-out effort last weekend, Lunden Construction defeated Laf-Mor Amusement 36-28, knocking Laf-Mor completely out of first place.

A top notch performance on both offense and defense came from Joey Kosinski. Also adding significantly to their team's win were Eric Early, Brian Court, and Marc Early, who without a doubt played his best game of the season.

Mike Gravel, the team's smallest member turned in one big effort in doing his part in the victory.

Lof-Mor was led by Jimmy Lockwood, David Allen and Henry Kozloski. This team, which has held on to its first place position through most of the season, missed the play of Scott Fancy.

Lunden is now tied with St. Theresa's for first place.

BOYS 10 - 12

"We'd thought we'd win," quipped McCarthy Tile Coach Rich Mahoney after his team stunned previously unbeaten Agawam Custodian 34-31. Wayne Leal and Tony Buoniconti spearheaded a smothering defense that continually frustrated the usually high scoring Custodian five.

Leo Santinello's deft offensive talents led the attack while Mike Lunden and Paul Scoville contributed the additional offensive punch.

Custodian Coach Ric Sardella praised the McCarthy quintet for the performance and added, "My kids should be proud of themselves too for coming back when it looked grim. We left the court as a first place team should with heads high."

Custodian trailed by seven with a minute left but key hoops by Brian Trembley, Custodian's fine center and guard Jimmy Hanson brought the frontrunners back to the brink before Mike Lunden's foul shot with 3 seconds left stopped Custodian's seven game win streak.

Sardella cited the play of Trembley who was doubled teamed most of the afternoon as "outstanding." Also receiving stamps of approval was foul plagued Greg Larouche and Alistar Fairle and mighty-mite Jeff O'Keefe.

McCarthy's big center, Paul Scoville and Trembley put on a classic performance for command of the

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10-12 BOYS

Agawam Custodian	7-1
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13-15 BOYS

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Village Package Store	5-3
Associated Air Freight	3-5
DePalma	3-5
Lions	3-5
Village Lounge	2-6

backboards with neither backing down throughout the entire match.

McCarthy's fast break bothered Custodian throughout. Custodian failed to establish its regular patient, inside attack due to the tenacious zone and diamond-and-two defense employed by Mahoney.

BOYS 13-15

The Lions Club played their game of season said Coach Dave D'Amours after a big win over DePalma, 49-47. Each week the Lions have improved and will be one of the teams to contend with in the future.

Leading the Lions were Jeff Losito, Dan Shaughnessy, Alan D'Amours and Mike Butt. Playing good contests for DePalma were Brian Connors, Tom Hanson, and Ken Piazza.

One of the greatest exercises conducive to good health is keeping the mouth shut.

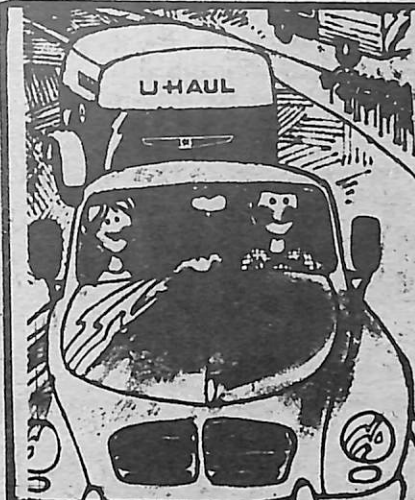
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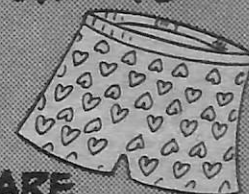
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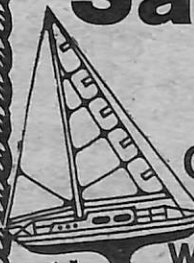


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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock to all parties interested in the appeal of ROBERT F. LLOYD who is seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 37 of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the retention of a single family residence with less than the required side lot area at the premises known as 49 Stony Hill Road.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
T. A. Progulskie, chairman

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Town Council
Agawam, Ma.

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 16, 1981 at 8:00 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Ma. on the application for a Class II Dealer's License of Clement G. Marone, Jr., 15 Sagamore Road, West Springfield, Ma. to operate Western Mass. Auto Sales, 986 Main Street, Agawam, Ma.

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Anthony P. Liquori, Chairman
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Brides Guide



Mrs. Tina Winter, nee Tina Dubour of Springfield and her husband, make a perfect picture to introduce the Agawam Advertiser News' first annual Brides Guide. The above piece, taken at Valley Community Church by David Pulaski Photographic of Granville, radiates the warm glow felt by the Bride and Groom and their special day.

The Advertiser/News

March 5, 1981



Claire Fiorentino, of Crawford Bridal House in Southwick, helps Patricia Skwirz with her gown. Crawford Bridal House is your expert on the perfect attire for the perfect wedding. Photo by Jack Devine.

Traditional Look Back On The Scene For Brides

According to Claire Fiorentino of Crawford Bridal House in Southwick, brides are now returning to the traditional look.

The gowns are showcasing "an old-fashioned" almost Gibson girl look" with lace as the accent, Claire told us.

Handmade lace, or made into a dainty ruffle to grace a neckline or the edge of the hemline, are now the trend. Some of the gowns have a delicate touch of

lace in all three major spots but always the picture is an understated fashion rather than a striking feature itself.

Gone from the 1981 Brides Look is the ornate, sometimes even heavily sequinned, stage type fashion predominating the scene for a few years.

The lace and beading are lightly done to give a delicate, feminine portrayal.

Natural fabrics, specifically cotton voile with the antique look built into the fabric itself, have made a splashing reappearance to the bridal scene.

This fabric lends itself to a simpler dress, which while it is a traditional avenue to take, is not as formal a picture as the more elegant chiffon fashion.

Natural wastelines billowing out into full skirts complete the feminine look. Gown being shown now are primarily for spring and summer weddings.

Necklines have departed from the decollete in favor of the more subdued Queen Anne neckline. The main fashion will be a higher one.

Sleeves, according to Claire, are displayed from the short full puffed little one to the dashing elegant. Bishop sleeve with its tight-fitted wristband swelling out into a full bouffant sleeve easing gently into the shoulder.

Veils and mantillas are being featured with some bridal gowns. Claire says the mantillas and veils are either lace trimmed or all lace.

Jackets are also being featured. Fitted or bolero type jackets may be worn over an open evening type gown either with spaghetti thin straps or completely strapless, converting the wedding gown later to a very formal ballgown.

Lace jackets and of sheer chiffon jackets completely devoid of trimming revealing discreetly a lace trimmed bodice on the gown under the sheer jacket.

"Simplicity, unless it is a very formal wedding, is the picture, but this simplicity is elegant and traditional," says Claire.

Claire assured us that Crawford Bridal House can expertly assist the bride-to-be and her entire attendants. "Our aim is to ensure that the bride looks beautiful and will have memories of her gown for many, many years," Claire said.

Hats are becoming very big this year, almost all having brims. Some are reminiscent of the picture hat but not in straw as much as in lace blending fabrics with matching gowns.

Both pump style shoes and the open high heeled sandals for the nice weather are being shown to accessorize the bride.

Bridesmaid dresses follow the bridal look. Soft shades, primarily in solid colors, are top in fashion for the bridesmaids. Orchid is back on the scene.

Other accessories noted by the bridal shops are pearl necklaces, gloves of cotton, lace and even hand-crocheted lace, fans of lace for the formal weddings and even lace parasols which match gowns are on the bridal scene.

Because your wedding day is the most important day of your life, how you look and carry yourself will help make this day one of happy, happy memories.

Agawam Library Offers Various Books On Weddings

The following books are available at the Agawam Public Library, where the staff is ready to help you research the information you need about showers and weddings.

The Complete Shower Party Book includes menu, decoration, game and theme ideas for parties and showers of all kinds.

The Bride's Book of Showers, which covers parties for both him and her, combines tradition and novelty with gift suggestions, recipes, and step-by-step party plans.

For advice on the etiquette, expenses, and every last detail involved with weddings, there are *McCall's Engagement and Wedding Guide*, *The Wedding Book*, and *The Wonderful World of Weddings*. These books are complete with timetables and checklists.

Those who want a more personalized ceremony will like *Write Your Own Wedding* and *Getting Married the Way You Want*. These books offer helpful advice on ways to individualize traditional and interfaith religious services and include suggestions for music, as well as blessings ranging from American Indian prayers to selections from the Bhagavad Gita.

Getting Married Again provides guidelines for planning a joyous second wedding in addition to advice on coping with the possible problems that can complicate remarriage, including step-parenting and new in-laws.

Students of human nature who may not be planning a wedding will still enjoy *The Folklore of Weddings and Marriage* and *The Wedding* by Peter Lacy. These two books trace the superstitions and customs of marriage back to their origins and the wealth of information and wit make them fun for pleasure reading.

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Tips For The Bride

By Lyn Donovan
Photographer

When that very special date has been set, what next? Carefully select your photographer. Make a list of questions you might have on your mind so that he or she may be of some assistance to you in recommending bands, different halls and ideas on cake and flower arrangements.

All gowns and tuxes should be tried on as soon as you receive them just in case a last minute adjustment has to be made. Do not put the garment in the closet till the day of the wedding; many a wedding day has started with shirts too small, pants too long and gowns with zippers not sewn in.

The day of the wedding is a day like no other. The phone doesn't stop ringing, time seems to fly by and there is always that last minute chore that should have been done the day before.

Now the photographer has arrived and there just isn't enough time to cooperate fully with him. This is a must when he arrives because he must have your undivided attention. Do not rush him because you have to consider that the pictures he takes will be enjoyed for years to come.

Everyone in the church will be awaiting the bridal party. Do not rush down the aisle; let the guests see your lovely gowns and have a chance to look over the beautiful colors you have selected to enhance further your entrance. Walking slowly also allows you, the bride, time to collect your composure so all the gracefulness of your walk will not be spoiled by a runaway bridal party. Give the photographer time to capture the best possible pictures of your entrance.

If at all possible, meet with the band and go over some selections for music, keeping in mind the variety of age groups to be at the reception. Also keep in mind for the reception that if a large number of children are to attend, you might want to set aside a small corner of the hall for their activities. Their enjoyment of your reception will be enhanced as well as your own.

A sitter may be available to organize planned activities for the children to keep them amused or parents may take turns so as to give all parents a chance to enjoy themselves undisturbed.

If you plan to cut the cake and toss a bouquet, do not wait till the last hour of the reception. Some guests may have to leave early and may miss out on this bit of fun. Your photographer should know in advance if you are not going to include these activities.

Brides! Ask questions of the photographer, band, caterers, florist - of whoever might add some detail to ease your confusion or frustration in planning your wedding. You do not need either on your most special day.



Mrs. Andrea Mokrzycki, nee Andrea Nacewicz of Feeding Hills, made a beautiful bride who had obviously taken care of all the important details prior to the wedding in order to be so serene on that special day. Photo by David Pulaski



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Helpful Hints For A Successful Wedding

By Vernon Gold
Floral Designer
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Once you have decided to get married, the work really starts. Because this will be one of the happiest days of your life, you will want everything to go just right. Regardless of whether it will be just a small, simple ceremony or a very large and elaborate wedding, certain procedures should be followed.

As soon as the date is chosen for the wedding, sit down with your family and fiancé to decide who and how many will be attending the wedding. At this time, you should also secure the place where the ceremony will occur and that where the reception will be held. Do this early as most places today are booked far in advance.

At this time, you should also decide on who and how many attendants you will be having in your wedding party.

Visit the bridal boutiques with your wedding party and select your bridal gown and the gowns and color for your attendants. Once this is done, the groom and his ushers can then choose their outfits and can generally coordinate the colors of their tuxedos with that of the bridesmaids gowns.

The three to four months prior to the wedding are generally the busiest for most future brides and grooms. At this time, it is necessary to obtain the services of a photographer for wedding photos. If you plan to rent vehicles for the wedding day, arrangements should be made for them during this time, and invitations should be selected and sent out.

During these months, you should also visit your florist. Call or visit him and set a definite date and time to sit down to discuss arrangements for the wedding.

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Sometime within the last month or two, you should have your honeymoon plans and reservations made. Also you should select and order your wedding bands and the gifts you may wish to give your attendants as remembrances of that day.

A final note to recall is that because there is a great expense for the wedding, if you accomplish all the tasks of the church, reception, florist, gowns, and gifts early, most places of business will let you make payments prior to the wedding. This may ease the purse strings of paying out all in one lump sum.

Both Feeding Hills Florist and I, being professionals in the floral industry with wedding work as one of our specialties, wish you all the happiness for that special day of yours as well as in your future life. We, as do all other florists, invite you to call us at any time if we can assist you in any possible way.



Mrs. Joan Hawley, nee Joan Leary of Agawam, admires some of the lovely greenery which helped to beautify her wedding day. Photo by David Pulaski.



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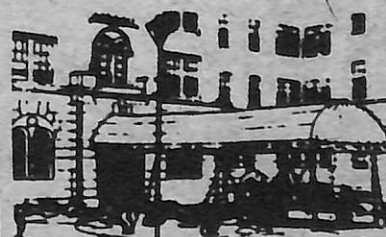
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Traditional, Old-fashioned Approach To Modern Weddings

Many old traditions surrounding the wedding contract have been merged with newer ones as we get on into the 80's. Although individual attitudes vary, the general trend in the United States today seems to be towards a traditional, somewhat old-fashioned approach to marriage.

Customs such as the prospective groom asking his fiancée's father for her hand in marriage or the bride throwing her bouquet for some unmarried wedding guest to catch distinctly resemble customs of the past. Among other older traditions receiving current use are formal wedding attire, flowers for church and reception, and food and drink ordered for reception.

Newer traditions include composing individual wedding vows, vows which do not include a woman "yielding" to the man, and writing out one's own invitations. Weddings still do hold such importance in today's society that it is estimated that 26 million couples will wed this decade.

More than 90% of all new brides will continue to work after the marriage ceremony. The bride can also expect her husband to help out with household chores just as she helps out with finances by contributing her salary. Equality in marriage is evidenced by new bridegrooms doing some of the cooking and new brides tackling some of the mechanical "men's" jobs around the house, such as fixing leaky faucets.

The average age of today's American bride is 22 years old with women from city areas slightly older than their rural counterparts. This figure reflects a four year older difference from the average bride of the Victorian age.

Being older, today's bride has often established her own career goals and independence. When she walks down the aisle, she may be dressed in a formal white gown which resembles her Victorian-era sister, but her independence is often very much in tact as she joins with her new husband.

Publisher's Note:

We are proud of our first annual Bride's Guide. There was much time, effort, and energy put into this insert of the *Advertiser/News* and I wish personally to thank two of the staff, Joanne Brown and Diana Willard, for their yeomen's job done.

Many thanks also are extended to Ronald Hayes, our advertising manager. The Bride's Guide would not have been possible without his professional know-how.

We hope our many readers will take full advantage of this Bride's Guide, and we urge you please to patronize the many advertisers who are found within its contents.

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A Last Bash

The bachelor dinner is supposed to be the groom's last good time as a single person and is his special way of entertaining his best man, ushers, and other close friends.

What occurs at this "bash" usually includes much toasting and hilarity. The clever bride will show some tact and recommend that the event take place two or three nights before the actual wedding day. A bridegroom who is recuperating from the "night before" doesn't hold up too well at the actual wedding reception.

Best Man... Busiest Man

The best man at the wedding is the busiest. Although the groom is the male star of the day, it's a fun time for him. But the best man pursues a round of duties that keep him attending to tasks from the very beginning of the festivities to the finale.

The wedding schedule calls for him to help the groom dress and wait with him prior to the ceremony; to pay the clergyman's fee; to assist the wedding party in getting to the reception; to make the first toast to the bride and groom; and to dance with the bride after she's danced with her new father-in-law and then dance with the mothers of both bride and groom.

He also must gather up the groom's wedding attire, help him dress for the honeymoon trip, and see that he has all the necessary travel reservations, charge cards, cash, etc.; put the newlyweds luggage into their car; and finally, send the bride's parents a thank-you telegram for the reception, in the groom's name of course.

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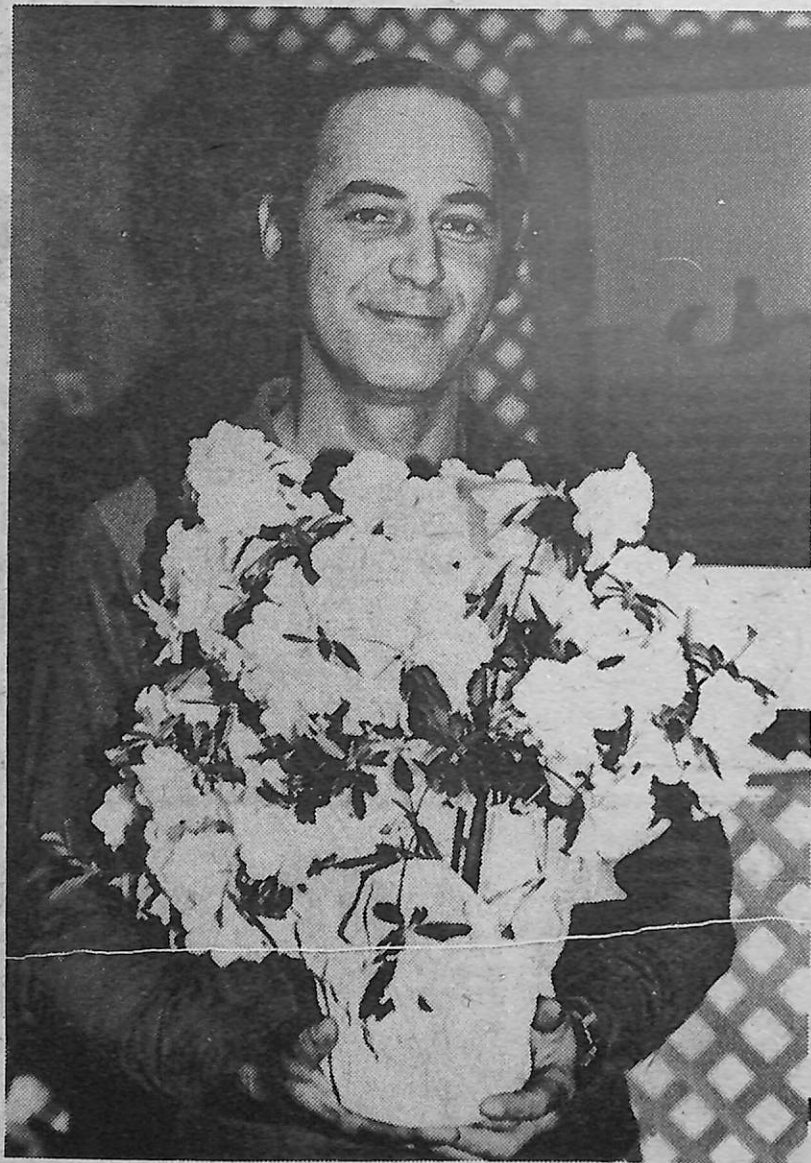
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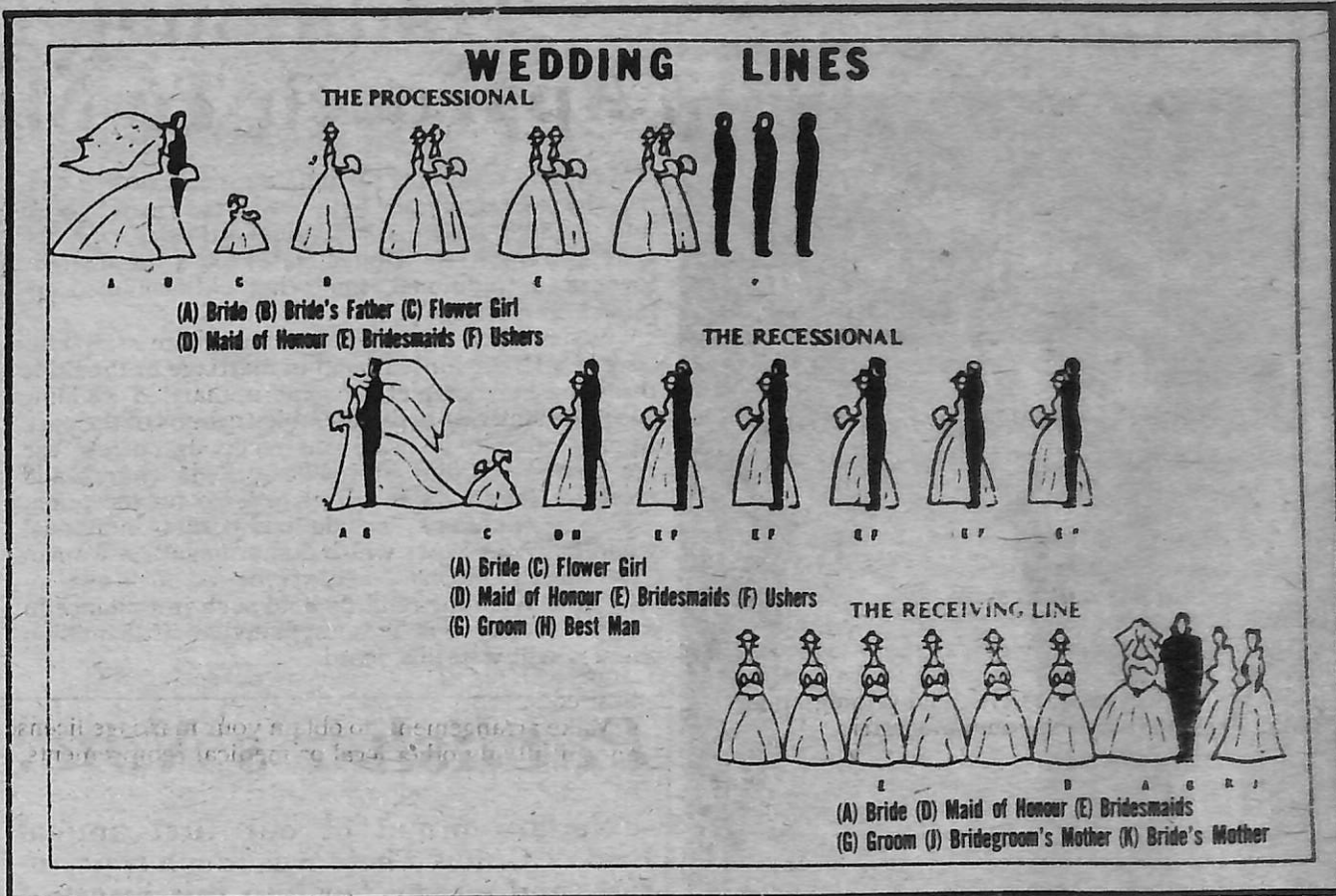
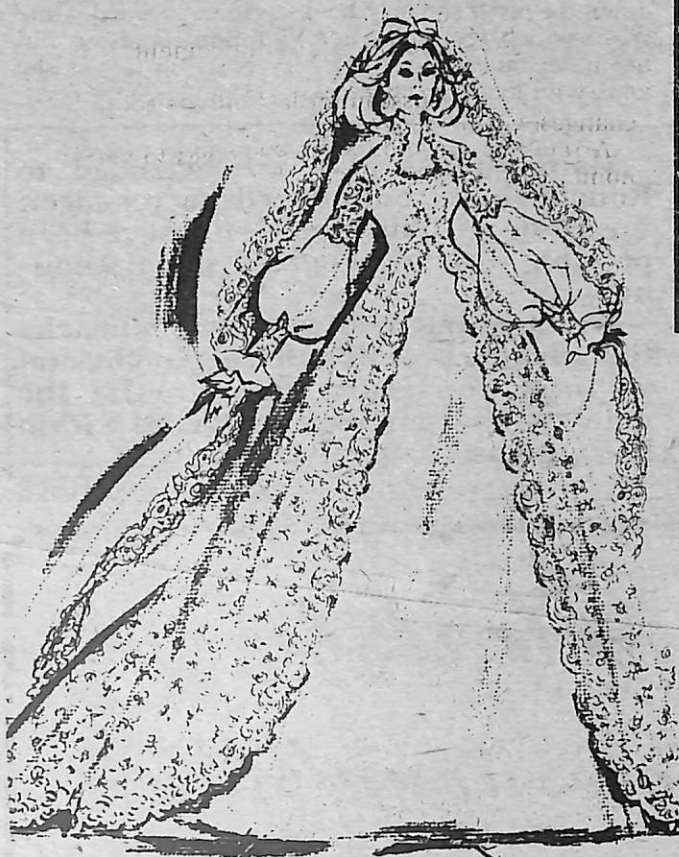
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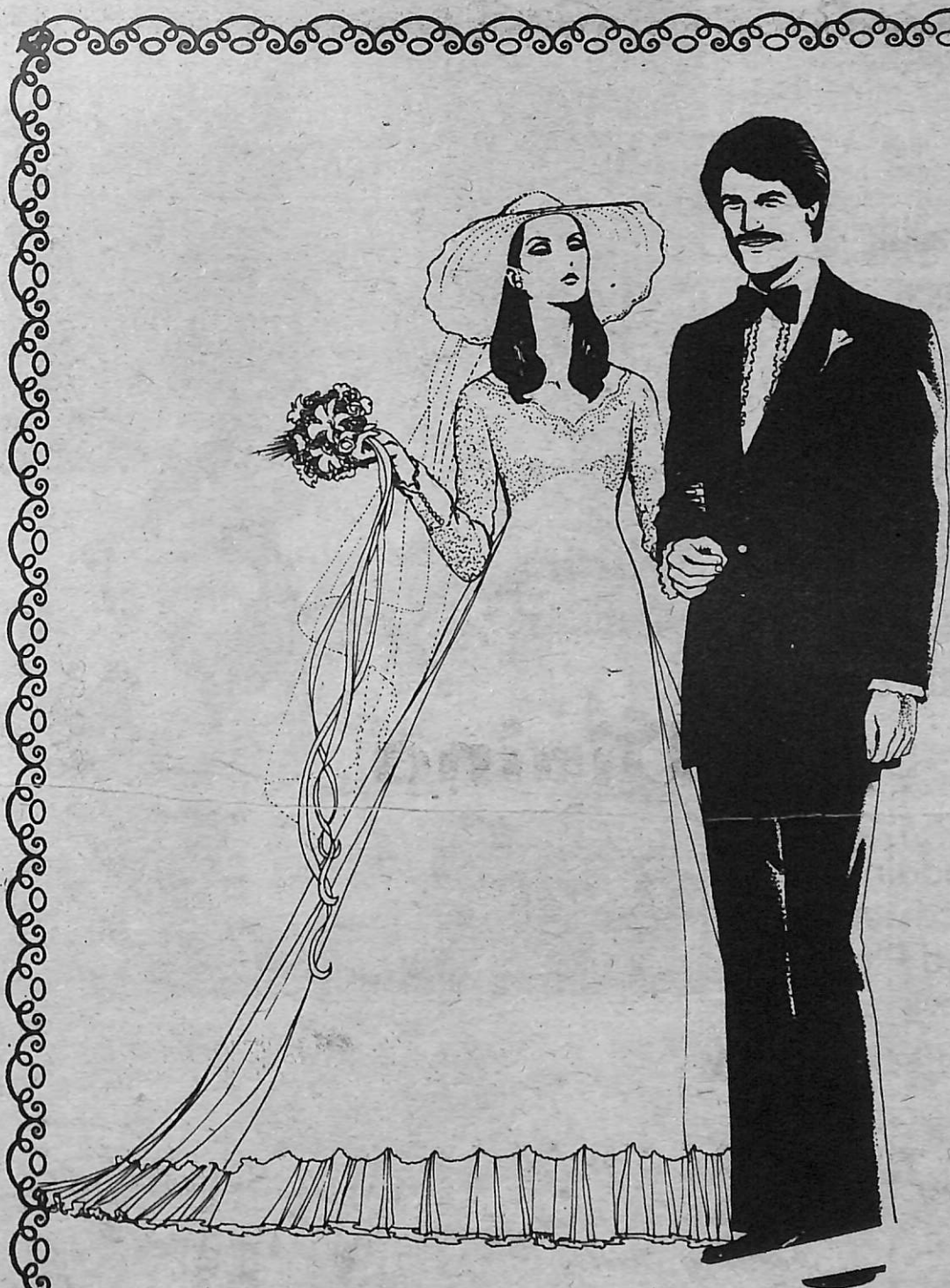
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Manager - Crossroads Furniture

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Determine your budget and the date, style, and location of your wedding.
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Plan your reception and reserve the facility where it will be held. Draw up invitation lists.
Choose your attendants and select clothing to be worn. Consult a men's wear specialist with your fiancé.
Contact an orchestra, florist, and photographer.
Make reservations for honeymoon trip.



3 Months Beforehand

Order your invitations and personal stationery.
Select items for your trousseau.
Consult with mothers of bride and groom so their dresses will complement each other's as well as those of the bridal party.
Consider visiting your doctor for a complete physical examination as well as the possibility of attending a figure salon for form and fitness.
Select a place to live and furniture to go along with that location.



2 Months Beforehand

Address wedding invitations.
Plan an attractive place to display your wedding gifts.
Choose gifts to be given as remembrances to your wedding attendants.
Finalize arrangements with caterer or reception hall director. If your cake is not supplied, order it now from a bakery.
Buy wedding ring or rings and order engraving, if desired.
Make arrangements to obtain your marriage license and fulfill any other legal or medical requirements.
Sign up with bridal registries in local stores with your choice of china, crystal, and silver.



1 Month Beforehand

Mail your wedding invitations.
Arrange for final fittings on your gown and on your bridesmaids gowns.
Plan a rehearsal dinner if you are to have one and arrange out-of-town guests' accommodations.
Have formal photograph taken for announcement of wedding in newspaper.
See an insurance agent about your insurance needs as a new couple and select a bank that welcomes your business.
Purchase a gift for your groom if you plan to.

2 Weeks Beforehand

Record each gift as it's received and write a thank-you note.
Arrange seating for the reception dinner and make up place cards. Give caterer a final count.
Have your hair styled in the manner in which you intend to wear it for your wedding.
Send your wedding announcement to the newspapers.
Go over your trousseau for last minute additions or changes. Complete packing.
Arrange to move all your belongings to your new home.



1 Week Beforehand

Consult with everyone who is responsible for making your wedding run smoothly.
Give a bridesmaids luncheon.
Confirm rehearsal plans.
Try to plan some time alone with your fiancé as well as with your family. Pay extra attention to your parents and siblings.



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To Avoid Later Confusion Get Your Fiscal Affairs In Order Before Your Big Day

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An early pact of sorts on whether one of you or both of you will handle the check book is a must. The majority of couples have best luck with a plan that allows for an individual allowance for the individual personal needs of both plus joint approval required for those big spending things that will come along from time to time.

Example: clothing, cosmetics, recreation (his tennis and golf, her exercise class and bike-riding). A new car or appliance would be a "together" category.

Once you've crossed this monetary planning process you can expect your budget to break down in these percentages.

Housing - rent or mortgage payment, in addition to furniture; 20-25 percent.

Food - including weekday lunches for each, entertaining occasionally; 20 percent.

Clothing, Self-Care - haircuts, cosmetics - 10 percent.

Medical Care - including health insurance but assuming no major bills are needed, and also that you are both covered by your employers at least to some extent; 3 percent.

Transportation - car expenses; 11 percent.

Utilities - light, gas, telephone; 5 percent.

Gifts, contributions - 3 percent.

Recreation - vacation, trips, entertainments; 8 percent.

Savings - some for "rainy days," some to add to assets; 10 percent.

Miscellaneous - beware of the unexpected, a sure bet. cigarettes, cleaning, laundry, car washings, newspapers, candy...believe us, it all adds up; 5 percent.

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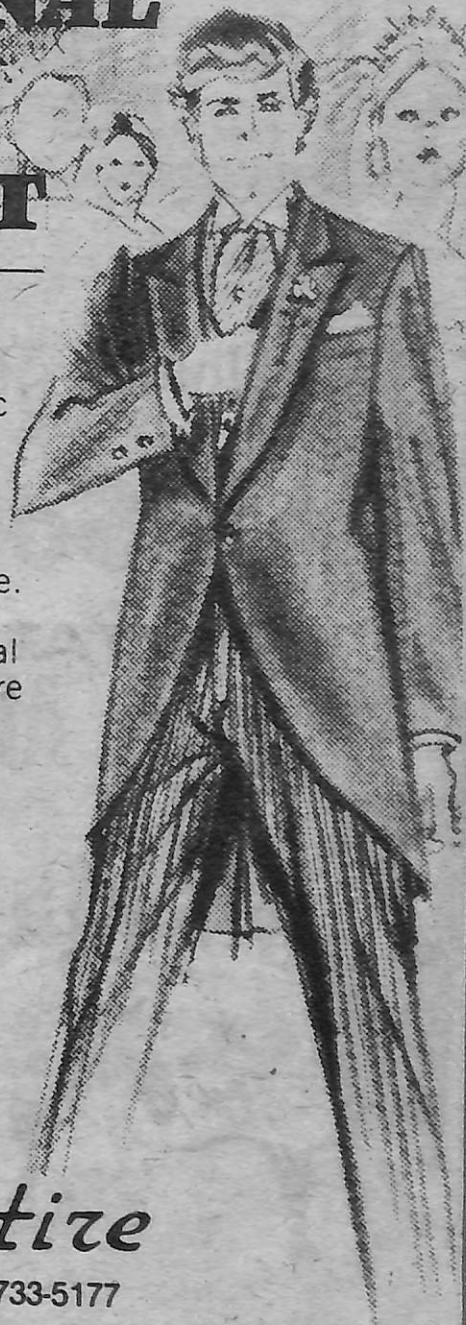
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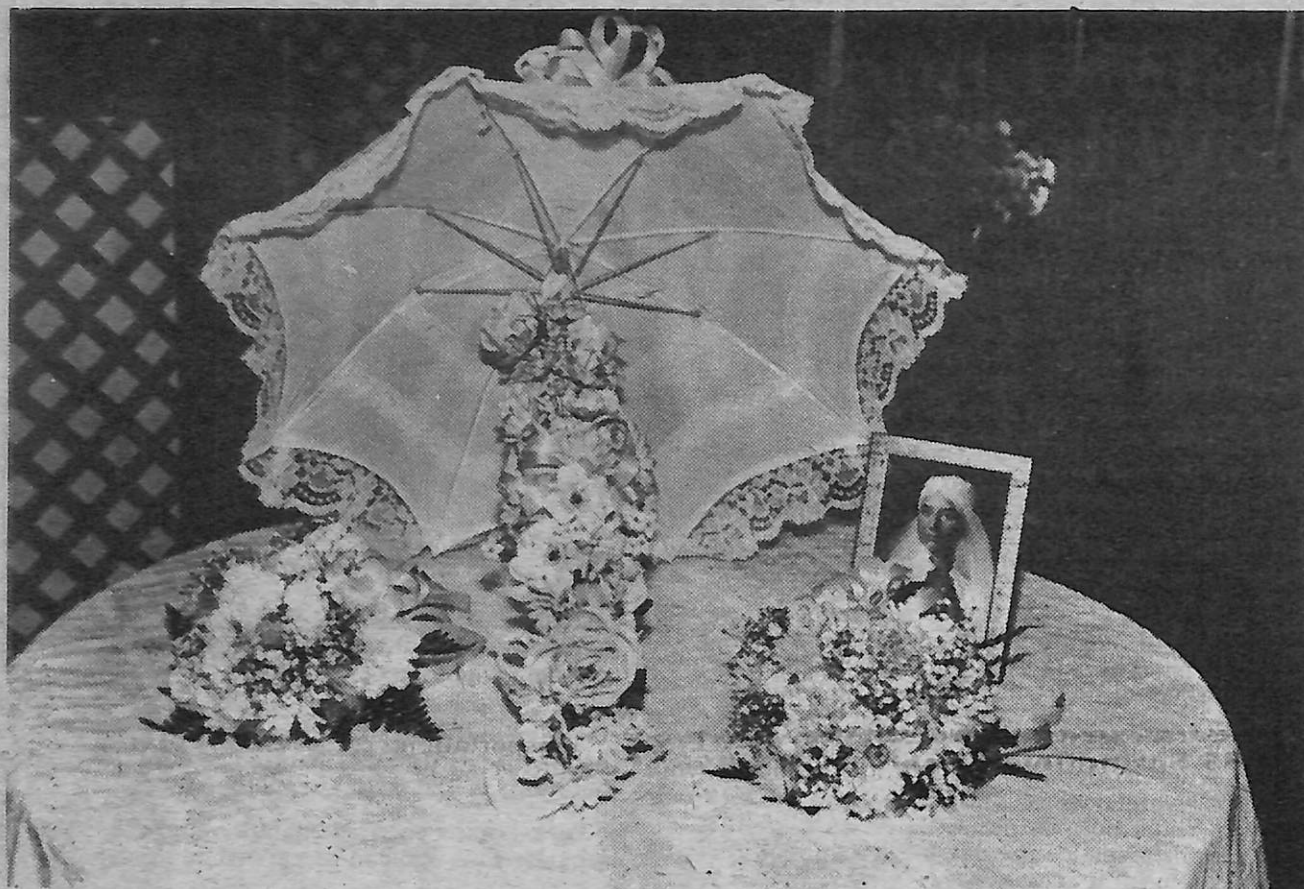
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portant as your florist knows how important a day this is for you, and he wants to set the time aside to assure you of receiving the best of quality and design to enhance your wedding.

When you have decided on a florist, it is advisable to call ahead of time and set up a definite date and time in which to sit down and go over your wedding needs. This is the general policy of most florists as it takes about an hour to go through one's wedding needs.

Upon visiting your florist, you should bring in swatches of the material your attendants will be wearing. If you do this, your florist can coordinate a color scheme and design especially for you. You will soon find out how important these preparations are as the flowers and design will enhance your wedding party and add beauty and elegance to your ceremony and the reception.

The flowers that you choose for that day will be your own bridal bouquet, which is traditionally done in all white, even though today, many brides are adding a slight touch of color into their bouquets; your attendants' bouquets, which usually have the bridesmaids' all matching with the maid of honor's complementing theirs in a different shade.

You will also be ordering all the boutonnières for the gentlemen in the wedding party, as well as the corsages for the mothers and grandmothers. It is advisable for you to know the color of their dresses or gowns as your florist will want to do their corsages in colors to complement their apparel.

Flowers for the ceremony are generally done in white or very light shades as most churches or synagogues have very subdued lighting and the lighter colors stand out better.

Flowers for the reception should be done in the same colors that have been chosen for the wedding party. By doing this, you will bring all of the beauty of the flowers into one main theme.

A final note from me, as a florist, is to remember that we need the time to prepare for this special occasion of yours, that we are proud to be a part of it and that we know a well-thought-out design and theme will go a long way in enhancing your wedding.

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In planning your wedding, certain items are usually very expensive, and many families plan hundreds of dollars for the caterer, gown, limousine, band - and yet have Uncle Charlie take a few snapshots. Let's hope he hasn't imbibed too freely! There are better ways to insure good wedding photography.

If you are searching for a photographer, try the advice of friends, the Yellow Pages or other ads, and make an appointment to see sample albums. If you are attending a wedding, observe. Does the photographer seem more important than the couple? Is he/she dashing madly everywhere, taking forever to pose groups of people, interrupting the action of the ceremony or reception? Or is he/she efficient and pleasant, unobtrusively taking all the necessary shots? Even the posed photos of a large bridal party can be done within ten or fifteen minutes.

At your interview with the photographer, notice if all the pictures seem to be posed portraits. This person may not enjoy photographing the action at a reception. Ask if the photographer will be at the reception for more than the first hour so as to avoid having all the shots taken prior to dinner.

Wedding photographs advertised at a cheap price usually look it, but many capable professionals have economy plans, add-on albums, or payment plans. Beware of the "package;" it may contain items you don't need or have room for. A choice should be available.

If selecting a preview book, it should be ready within a month, and an album might take one to two months after ordering - or an explanation is in order.

At the interview, many brides always wonder how they can look their best and make sure of beautiful results. Retouching is an expensive last resort, so I suggest the following tips to avoid it:

1. Try to get extra sleep for the month before the wedding.
2. Practice walking in your wedding shoes; sore feet will show in your face.
3. Your veil won't fit right - they never do - so practice ways of making it stay on well before the day.
4. Practice making up your face while wearing a white sheet or towel. Your regular makeup may look faded. You might need a good base to cover blemishes. Add a little color to cheeks, lips, and eyes, but avoid iridescent makeup altogether. If your fiancé has blemishes, find him a cover stick to fade them. You'll both be pleased.
5. Smile! Practice the natural, happy look that you like best until it comes easy.

Remember this is one of the most memorable days of your life. Your professional photographer can insure that you will have a beautiful record for your lasting pleasure.

Travel Light On Honeymoon Trip

Whether traveling near or far on your honeymoon trip, plan to travel light, taking only what you will need. According to the climate you're heading into, you will want to spend on good-looking blouses, skirts, slacks, shirts, and undergarments of the most carefree fabrics you can find.

Wherever you are planning to go, you will save yourself a lot of trouble if you pack carefully.

Pack shoes, hair dryers, and other heavy objects at the hinge side of the suitcase so they'll be on the bottom when you carry it. This will avoid crushing your clothing inside the suitcase.

Pack firmly because loosely packed clothes will shift and wrinkle more easily.

Pack in sections which include clothes for similar occasions; for example, sportswear with sportswear, evening wear with evening wear. It's easier to find clothing when needed this way.

Fasten buttons and zippers and then fold everything lengthwise in thirds. This kind of a fold will fall out naturally as you wear the clothing.

Pack liquids such as shampoo and cosmetics in a separate case that can be carried on to plane or train.

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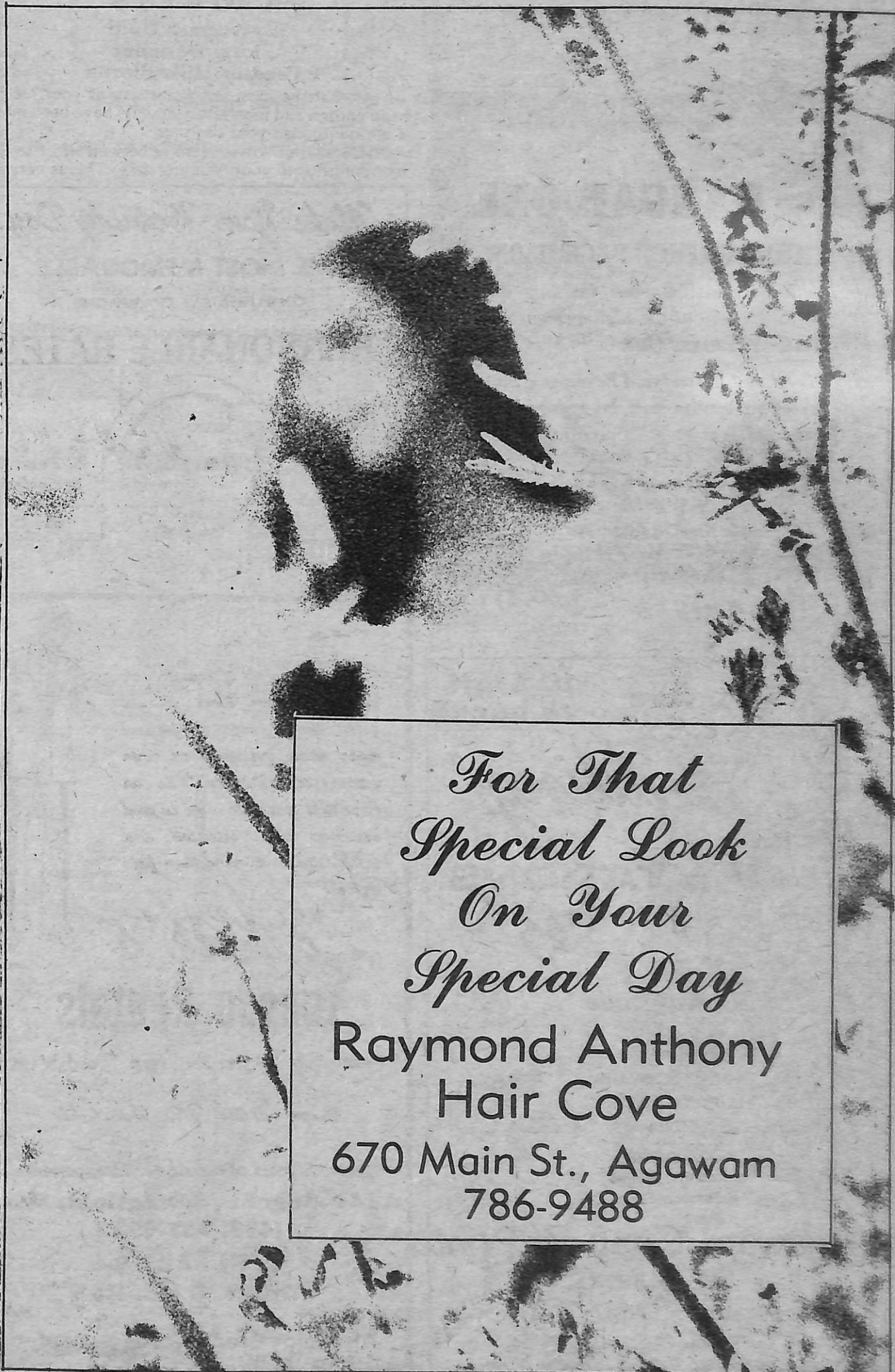
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New carpet is a decorating event as well as a sizable investment. Carpeting can cost \$10 a yard or several hundred dollars if you go into custom design. The average carpet-life span is between ten and fifteen years.

There are basically two choices of fibers today in carpeting. Wool, with its high resilience is available, but at high prices (\$40-\$200 a yard) and man-made fibers. Nylon, the fiber that has been most spectacularly developed to improve the looks and function of carpeting, accounts for about 80% of all carpeting made today. Polyester, with its full hand and subtle color lines, is used in less trafficked areas.

Relatively few carpets today are woven. Most are tufted. Tufting is a process by which yarns are looped into a fabric backing. The looped yarns are locked to the backing with an adhesive and given a final overall backing.

In manufacture, the height of tufts can be controlled, high or low or in combinations of heights, so that endless textures are possible. The silky, plushes, and velvets result when tufted loops are sheared.

Whatever the carpet, the higher quality will have a higher density of yarn. This means you are getting

more yarn per square inch. Examine this by folding back a piece of carpet. The more tufts and the closer they are, the more yarn has been used.

Ultimately, the most satisfying carpet, one that looks fresh longest without making a slave of you, depends mainly upon where you place it. In a slightly trafficked bedroom or guest room, a less dense carpet will serve you well. But the same quality will hardly stand up to traffic of halls and stairways or to wear and potential staining of a family room or a much-used living room.

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